IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An image processor provided with a function for recognizing a specific image in input image data, comprising:

a determination unit that determines whether a raster image exists in the image data or not and outputs the raster image if the raster image exists; and

a recognition unit that recognizes whether the specific image exists in the raster image output from the determination unit.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): An image processor provided with a function for recognizing a specific image in input image data, comprising:

a recognition unit that recognizes whether the specific image exists in the input image data; and

a determination unit that determines whether the image data includes a predetermined characteristic or not and commands the recognition unit to recognize the specific image if the predetermined characteristic is included.

Claim 3 (Original): An image processor according to Claim 2, wherein:

the determination unit determines whether the raster image in the image data has the predetermined characteristic or not.

Claim 4 (Original): An image processor according to Claim 3, wherein:

the determination unit determines whether plural raster images are continuous or not if the plural raster images exist in the image data and determines whether or not the raster images determined as being continuous have the predetermined characteristic as one raster image.

Claim 5 (Original): An image processor according to Claim 3, wherein:

the determination unit uses the size of an output raster image as the predetermined characteristic for making the determination.

Claim 6 (Original): An image processor according to Claim 3, wherein:

the determination unit uses the resolution of a raster image as the predetermined characteristic for making the determination.

Claim 7 (Original): An image processor according to Claim 3, wherein:

the determination unit uses the number of colors included in a raster image as the predetermined characteristic for making the determination.

Claim 8 (Original): An image processor according to Claim 3, wherein:

the determination unit uses a compression format of a raster image as the predetermined characteristic for making the determination.

Claim 9 (Original): An image processor provided with a function for recognizing a specific image in input image data, comprising:

a recognition unit that recognizes the specific image; and

a determination unit that commands the recognition unit to execute recognition processing at a lower resolution than the resolution of output, determines the result and commands the recognition unit to execute recognition processing at a higher resolution if the possibility of including the specific image in the image data is higher than a predetermined level.

Claim 10 (Original): An image processor according to Claim 1, further comprising:

an output image data generation unit that generates output image data based upon the image data and outputs it, wherein:

the output image data generation unit temporarily stops the generation or the output of the output image data if the determination unit determines that recognition processing by the recognition unit is required.

Claim 11 (Original): An image processor according to Claim 1, further comprising:

an output image data generation unit that generates output image data based upon the image data and outputs it, wherein:

the output image data generation unit temporarily stops the generation or the output of the output image data if the determination unit determines that the possibility of including a specific

image in the image data is higher than a predetermined level as a result of recognition processing by the recognition unit.

Claim 12 (Original): An image processor according to Claim 1, further comprising:

an output image data generation unit that generates output image data per predetermined unit based upon the image data and outputs it, wherein:

the determination unit executes processing for making determination on image data per predetermined unit or in a predetermined unit being processed; and

the output image data generation unit changes the quantity of the output image data if the determination unit determines, as a result of recognition processing by the recognition unit, that the possibility of including the specific image in the image data is higher than a predetermined level.

Claim 13 (Original): An image processor according to Claim 10, wherein:

the output image data generation unit stops the generation or the output of the output image data if the recognition unit recognizes the existence of the specific image.

Claim 14 (Original): An image processor according to Claim 10, wherein:

the output image data generation unit outputs fixed data as the output image data if the recognition unit recognizes the existence of the specific image.

Claim 15 (Original): An image processor according to Claim 10, wherein:

the output image data generation unit outputs a character string telling that the existence

of the specific image is recognized as the output image data if the recognition unit recognizes the

existence of the specific image.

Claim 16 (Original): An image processor according to Claim 1, further comprising:

an output image data generation unit that generates output image data based upon the

image data and outputs it, wherein:

the output image data generation unit stops the generation or the output of the output

image data if the recognition unit recognizes the existence of the specific image.

Claim 17 (Original): An image processor according to Claim 10, wherein:

the determination unit determines a mode for generating the output image data by the

output image data generation unit and commands the recognition unit to execute recognition

processing only if the mode is a predetermined mode.

Claim 18 (Original): An image processor according to Claim 1, wherein:

the determination unit executes determination processing in units of page.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): An image processor provided with a function for

recognizing a specific image in input image data, comprising:

a recognition unit that recognizes <u>whether</u> the specific image <u>exists in the input image</u>

<u>data</u>; and

a determination unit that determines a mode for outputting the image data, wherein:

the determination unit commands the recognition unit to execute recognition processing

if the mode is a predetermined mode.

Claim 20 (Original): An image processor that generates output image data based upon

input image data and outputs it to a device provided with a function for recognizing a specific

image, comprising:

a determination unit that determines whether the input image data includes a

predetermined characteristic or not; and

an output image data generation unit that generates output image data based upon that

input image data and outputs it with added information that there is the possibility of including

the specific image in the output image data if the determination unit determines that the input

image data includes the predetermined characteristic.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): An image processor provided with a function for

recognizing a specific image in input image data, comprising:

a recognition unit that recognizes <u>whether</u> the specific image <u>exists in the input image</u>

<u>data</u>; and

a determination unit that determines whether or not ~~information that there is~~ the

possibility of including the specific image in the image data exists, wherein:

the determination unit commands the recognition unit to execute recognition processing

if the information exists.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A computer-readable storage medium that stores a

program for commanding a computer for image processing to execute the functions of:

determining in a determination unit whether a raster image exists in input image data or

not and outputting the raster image to a recognition unit if the raster image exists; and

recognizing in the recognition unit whether a specific image exists in the output raster

image.

Claim 23 (New): The image processor according to claim 2, wherein the determination

unit determines whether the image data includes a predetermined characteristic or not and the

determination unit does not command the recognition unit to recognize the specification image if

the predetermined characteristic is not included.